

REMARKS

Claims 8-10 and 17-29 are currently pending in the application. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in the Advisory Action of April 10, 2007 that claims 17-19, 21-23 and 27-29 are merely objected to. In order to have the objected claims be allowed, rejected claims 8, 20, and 24 have been canceled and the remaining rejected claims, i.e., claims 9-10 and 25-26 have been made dependent from objected claims 17 and 27, respectively. Objected claims 17, 21 and 27 have been amended by making them independent from the rejected claims and including all the limitations of the claim from which they were dependent. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any deficient fees to Deposit Account Number **06-1448, Reference HMT-048.01**.

Respectfully submitted,

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